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1. SUMMARY: THE PAST WEEK HAS WITNESSED A GROUP OF CHICANOS CALLING FOR US ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN MEXICO AND THE BEGINNING OF A HUNGER STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISAPPEARED PERSONS. ATTENTION IS NOW FOCUSED ON WHAT TREATMENT, IF ANY, PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO GIVES AMNESTY ISSUE IN HIS ANNUAL INFORME. END SUMMARY.

2. AUGUST 26 EXCELSIOR REPORTS THAT A GROUP OF CHICANOS MEETING AT THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATION (CENCOS) IN MEXICO CITY TOLD THE PRESS THAT THEY WILL ASK PRESIDENT CARTER TO SHOW AS MUCH INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN MEXICO AS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THEY REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO THE "DIFFICULT CONDITIONS OF REPRESSION AND HOUSING IN WHICH THE RESIDENTS OF OCTOBER 2ND CAMP LIVE." THE LEADERS OF THE GROUP RODOLFO ROSALES, REBECA RABIT, AND SAMUEL MARTINEZ ANNOUNCED PLANS TO FORM A NATIONAL AID COMMIT-
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TEE IN THE UNITED STATES TO BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF THE OCTOBER 2ND CAMP.

3. COMMENT: CENCOS IS AN ALTERNATIVE NEWS SERVICE WHICH ATTEMPTS TO MONITOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND SOCIAL INJUSTICES IN MEXICO AND MAKES ITS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WISH TO USE IT. THE DIRECTOR OF CENCOS,

ENGINEER JOSE ALVAREZ ICAZA, HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL AS WELL AS BEING A PROMOTER OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE ASPECTS OF POPE JOHN'S DOCTRINES. OCTOBER 2ND CAMP IS ONE OF NUMEROUS POOR NEIGHBORHOODS IN MEXICO CITY.

4. AUGUST 29 UNO MAS UNO REPORTS THAT THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND POLITICAL EXILES BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE ON AUGUST 28 WITH 80 PEOPLE IN THE CATHEDRAL IN MEXICO CITY. THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3 IS LED BY MRS. ROSARIO IBARRA DE PIEDRA, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE. THE GOAL OF THE HUNGER STRIKE IS TO GET THE GOM TO PRESENT EVIDENCE ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF 370 DISAPPEARED PERSONS.

5. AN ADJACENT ARTICLE IN UNO MAS UNO REPORTS THAT BOTH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE HEAD OF THE SUPREME COURT DENY HAVING ANY JURISDICTION OVER THE QUESTION OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS, AND REFUSED TO EXPRESS ANY OPINION ABOUT A POSSIBLE GENERAL AMNESTY LAW. RODOLFO GONZALEZ GUEVARA, PRESIDENT OF THE GRAN COMISION OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF ANY DRAFT LAW FOR GENERAL AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS IN MEXICO.

6. COMMENT: IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS THE ISSUE OF A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS HAS BECOME A CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL FOOTBALL IN MEXICO. FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO LEFTIST PARTY SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESIDENT WOULD SEND A DRAFT AMNESTY LAW TO CONGRESS THIS FALL. THEN SOON THEREAFTER SEVERAL PRI DEPUTIES DECLARED THAT AMNESTY WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF POLITICAL REFORM, WHICH SUGGESTED GOM PLANNED TO MOVE FORWARD ON AMNESTY PLAN.

7. NOW A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S INFORME, WHERE HE MAY MENTION ANAMNESTY, GOM OFFICIALS WHO SHOULD BE INFORMED HAVE ADOPTED VERY CAUTIOUS POSITIONS ON THE SUBJECT. THE KEY TO MOVEMENT ON THIS QUESTION COULD LIE IN THE SECRETARIAT OF GOBERNACION, WHERE PERSONNEL CHANGES DURING AUGUST MAY HAVE AFFECTED THE APPARENT DISPOSITION TO GO ALONG WITH A LIMITED AMNESTY PLAN. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE AMNESTY GRANTED BY ECHEVERRIA IN 1976 DID NOT RESULT IN THE RELEASE OF ANY ONE FROM JAIL BUT RATHER THE DROPPING OF CHARGES AGAINST SOME PEOPLE FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE EVENTS OF 1968. MCANINCH

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